

1. (Amended - Clean copy) A flash photography system having a camera body, a main flash device and at least one sub-flash device, wherein said main flash device emits at least one low flash emission, serving as a main-flash emission command signal to said at least one sub-flash device, said flash photography system comprising:

a designating device that designates a flash emission mode of a main-flash emission of said at least one sub-flash device; and

a command device that commands said main flash device to emit said at least one low flash emission, serving as said main-flash emission command signal, said at least one sub-flash device emitting the main-flash emission in accordance with said main-flash emission command signal and the designated flash emission mode;

wherein, when said designating device designates a uniform flash emission mode, said command device commands said main flash device to emit at least two low flash emissions as said main-flash emission command signal, a time interval between two of the at least two low flash emissions designating a duration of the main-flash emission; and

wherein said at least one sub-flash device emits, for the designated duration, a flash emission having a substantially uniform intensity, as said main-flash emission, in response to said main-flash emission command signal.

4. (Amended - Clean copy) The flash photography system according to claim 1, wherein said sub-flash device comprises a slave flash unit controlled by said main flash

device.

8. (Amended - Clean copy) The flash photography system according to claim 1, wherein, when said designating device designates a normal flash mode, said command device commands said main flash device to emit a single low flash emission, serving as said main-flash emission command signal; and

wherein said at least one sub-flash device emits a single flash emission, as the main-flash emission, in response to said main-flash emission command signal.

9. (Amended - Clean copy) The flash photography system according to claim 1, wherein said command device commands said main flash device to emit another at least one low flash emission to transmit another command signal, corresponding to the flash emission mode designated by said designating device, to said at least one sub-flash device, prior to commanding said main flash device to transmit said main-flash emission command signal;

wherein each said at least one sub-flash device comprises:

a receiver that receives signals transmitted from said main flash device;

a setting device that sets the flash emission mode, indicated by said another command signal received by said receiver; and

a controller that controls said at least one sub-flash device to emit said main-flash emission in said flash emission mode set by said setting device upon said receiver receiving said main-flash emission command signal.

10. (Amended - Clean copy) The flash photography system according to claim 9, wherein said command device commands said main flash device to transmit a pre-flash emission command signal, a light-magnification command signal, and said main-flash emission command signal to said at least one sub-flash device successively, in that order, to control said at least one sub-flash device;

wherein said pre-flash emission command signal commands said at least one sub-flash device to emit a preliminary flash emission before said main-flash emission; and

wherein said light-magnification command signal specifies a light amount of said main flash emission of said at least one sub-flash device.

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15. (New) A method of controlling flash photography of a photography system having at least one emission mode, the photography system comprising a main flash device and at least one sub-flash device, the method comprising:

designating a uniform emission mode for a main-flash emission of the sub-flash device;

transmitting a main-flash emission command signal from the main flash device to the at least one sub-flash device, in accordance with the designated flash emission mode, the main-flash emission command signal comprising at least two low flash emissions, a time interval between two of the at least two low flash emissions indicating a duration of the main-flash emission; and

emitting the main-flash emission from the at least one sub-flash device for the indicated duration, in response to the main-flash emission command signal, the main-flash emission having a substantially uniform intensity over the indicated duration.

16. (New) The method of controlling flash photography according to claim 15, wherein emitting the main-flash emission comprises emitting a series of flash pulses during the indicated duration.

17. (New) The method of controlling flash photography according to claim 15, further comprising:

transmitting a pre-flash emission command signal, via a low flash emission, from the main flash device to the at least one sub-flash device; and

emitting a preliminary flash emission from the at least one sub-flash device, before emitting the main-flash emission, in response to the pre-flash emission command signal.

18. (New) The method of controlling flash photography according to claim 17, wherein the pre-flash emission command signal includes the at least one emission mode.